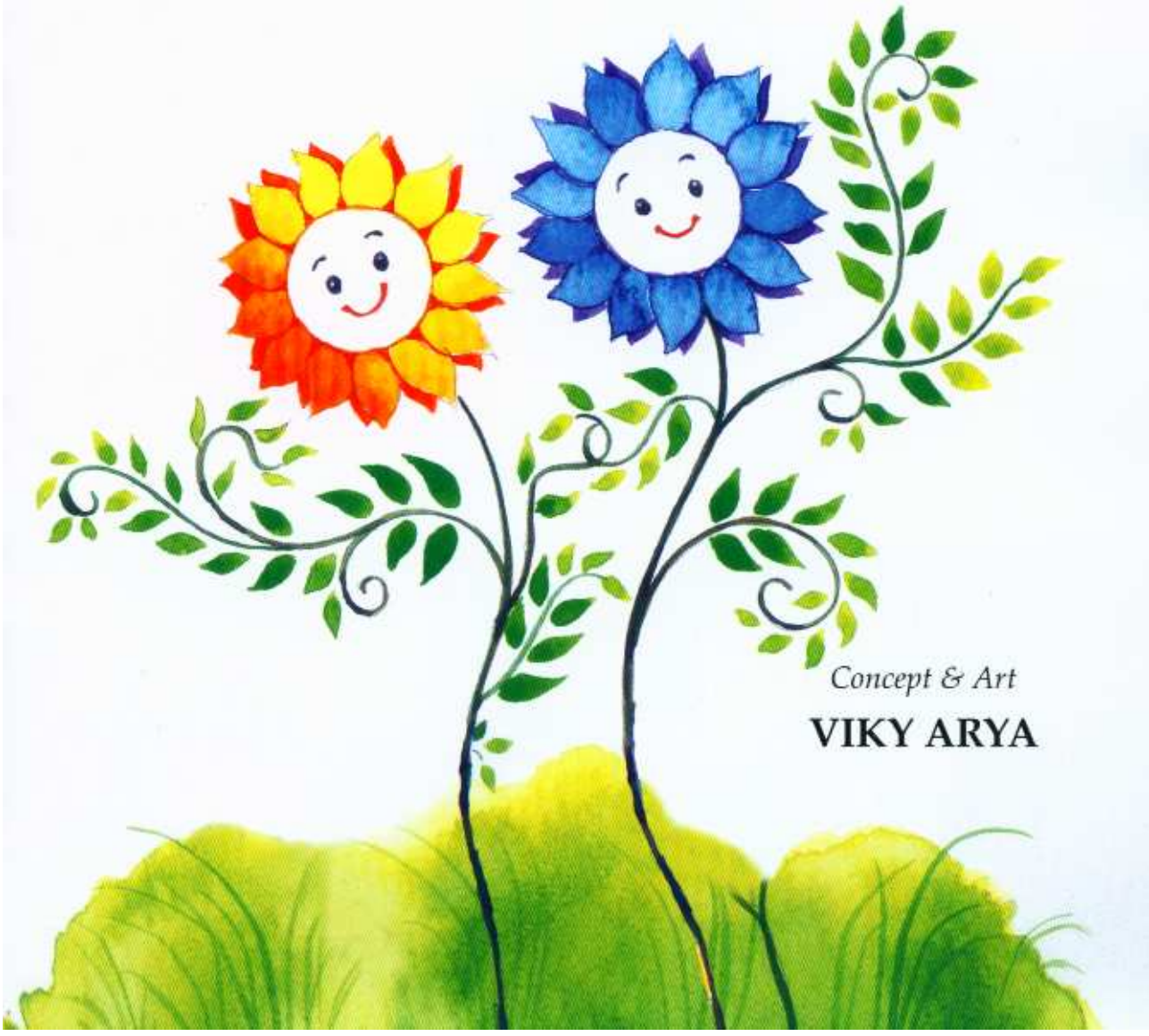
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One day two creeper seeds woke up together after the rain. Both the saplings grew very fast.



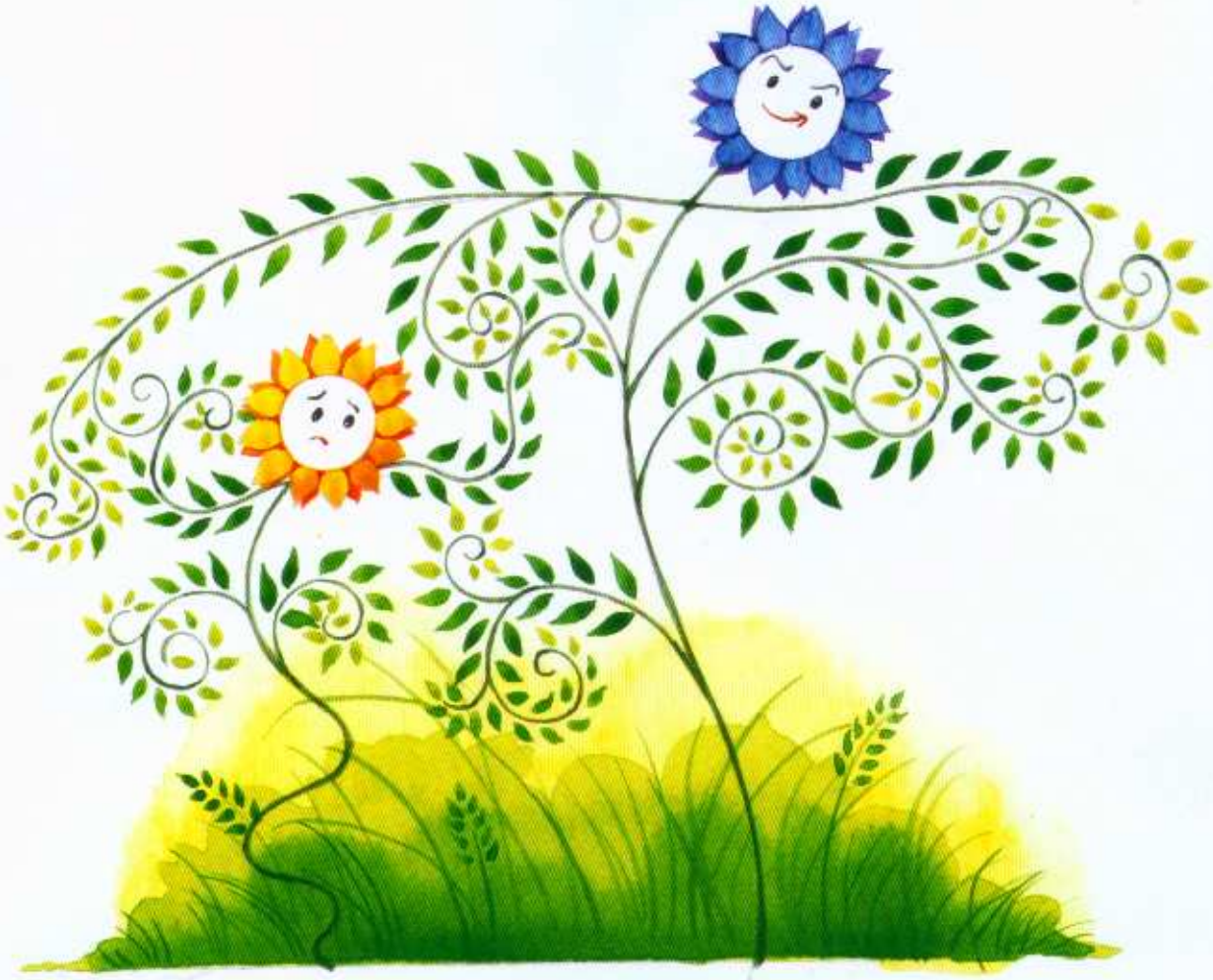
One had a yellow flower bud and the other a blue one.



Children lovingly named them Neelu or the blue one and Peelu or the yellow one. Somehow, Neelu started growing faster than Peelu.



This made him over confident and dominating too. At times, Peelu felt bad about this.



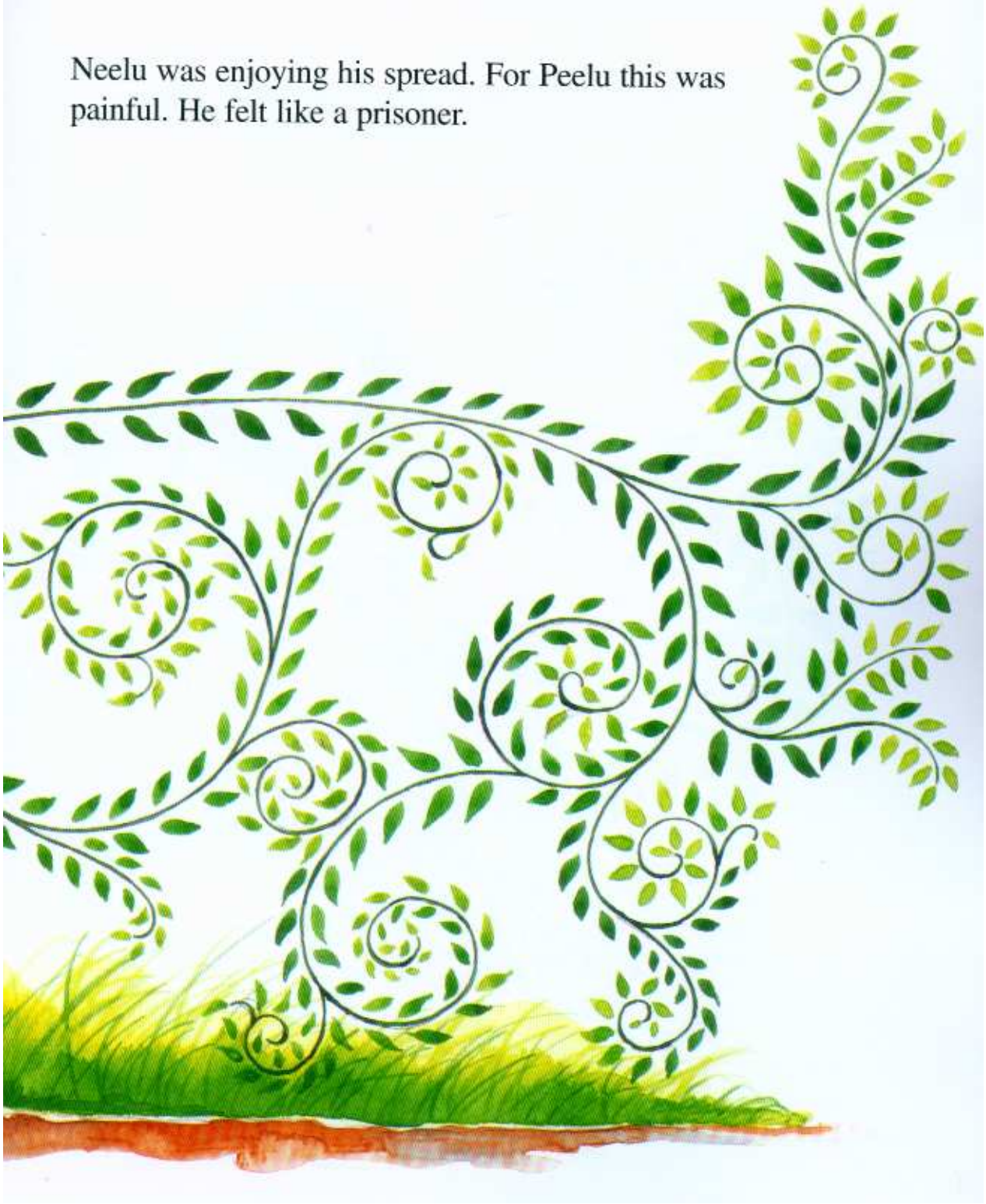
Peelu also wanted to grow tall, but Neelu had blocked his way.



Whenever Peelu tried to grow, Neelu stopped him.

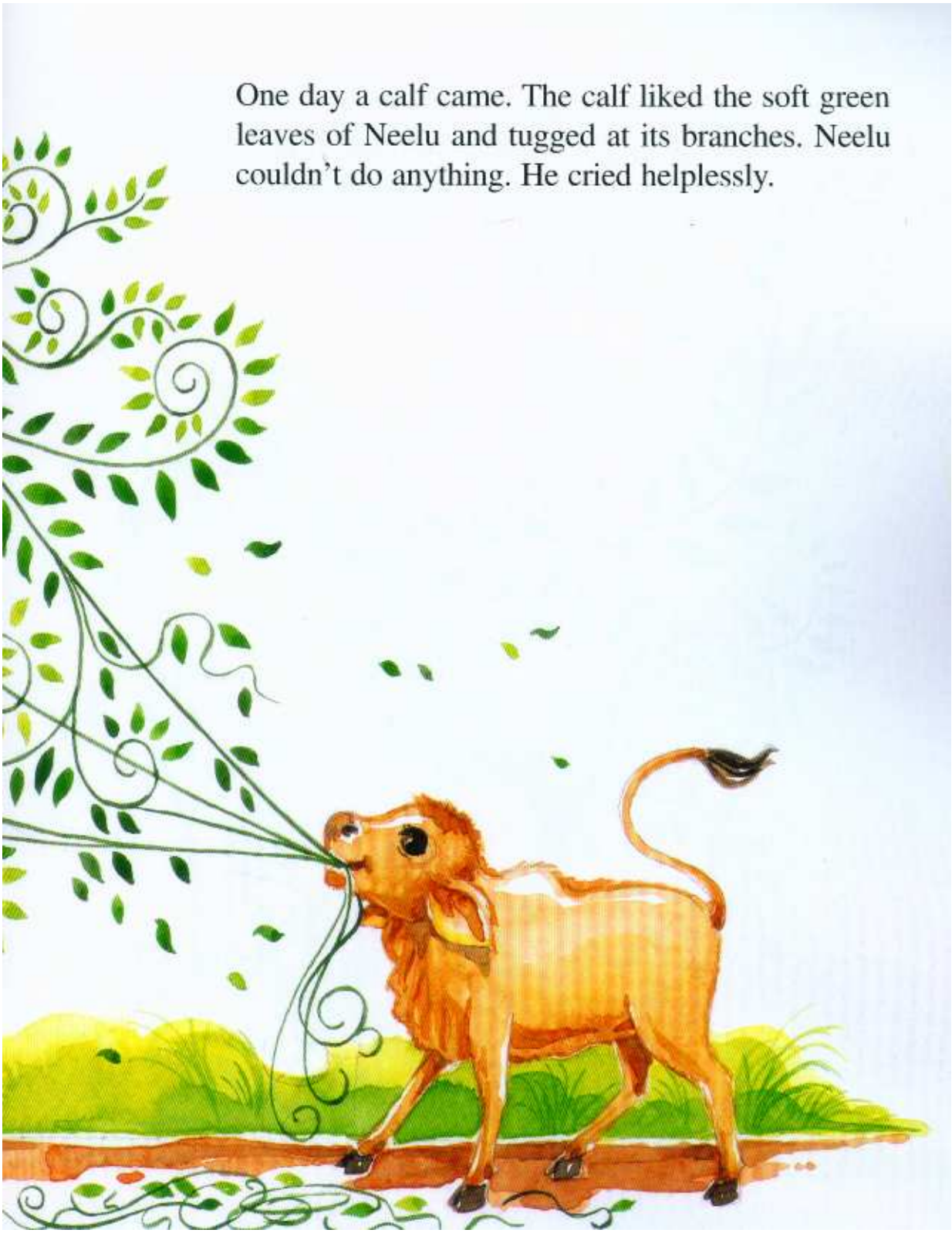


Neelu was enjoying his spread. For Peelu this was painful. He felt like a prisoner.



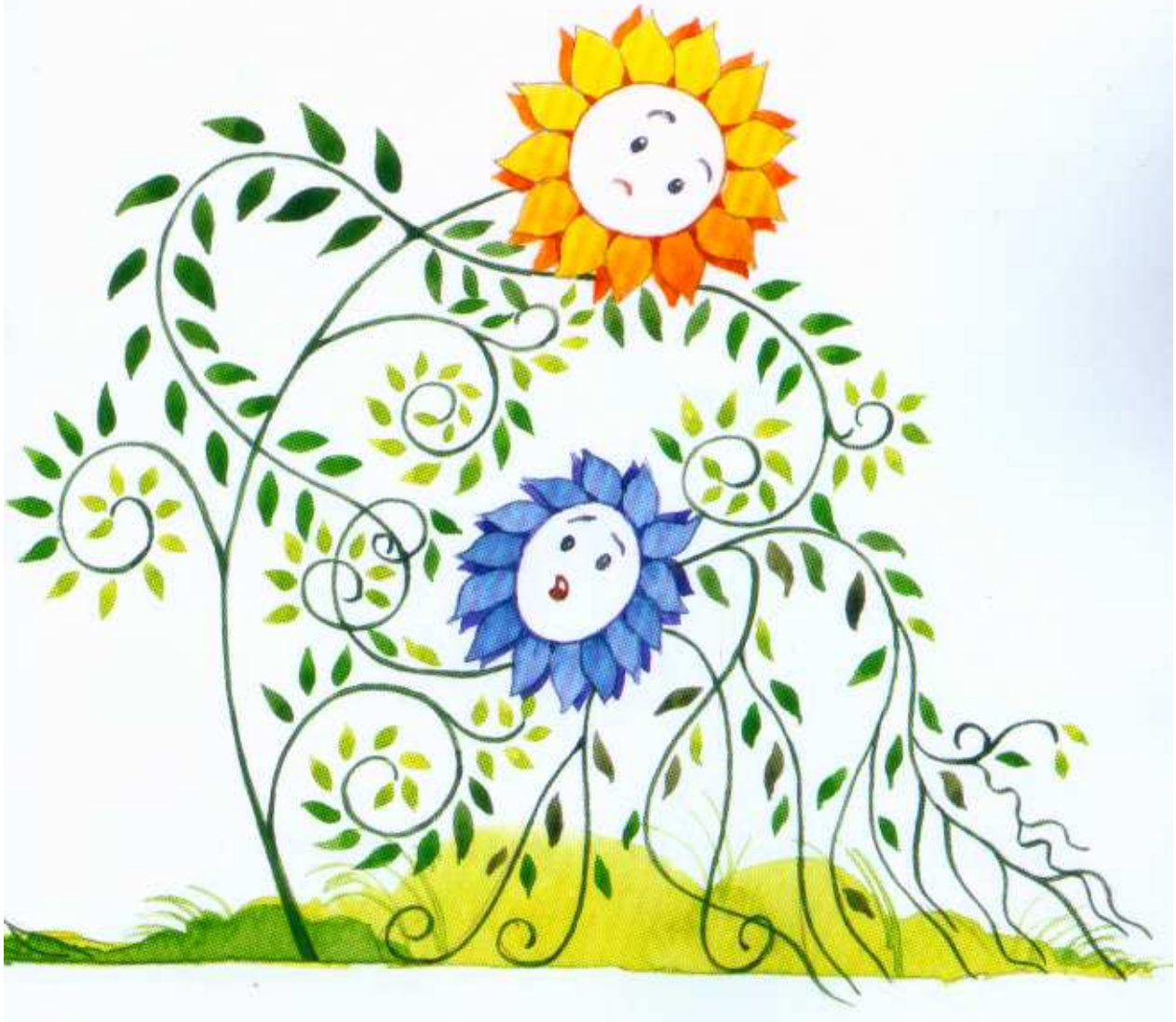


One day a calf came. The calf liked the soft green leaves of Neelu and tugged at its branches. Neelu couldn't do anything. He cried helplessly.





As Neelu fell, Peelu finally got an opportunity to reach out for the sky. He started growing fast but he didn't forget his friend Neelu. He gave him a helping hand.





Neelu felt guilty and ashamed. He realised that Peelu was a true friend.

Peelu held Neelu's hand . . .





. . . and they remained friends forever.



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